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SUBJ: OPENING OF ECOWAS FUND MEETING: PRESIDENT EYADEMA ATTACKS

"ARMS MERCHANTS," "EXTERNAL INTERVENTION," AND "IDEOLOGICAL
AGGRESSION"

1. THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE ECOWAS FUND FOR COMPENSATION

AND DEVELOPMENT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEGAN IN LOME
25 JULY. THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 27 JULY DURING
WHICH THE BASIC OUTLINES OF THE FUND'S ACTIVITY WILL BE
AGREED UPON.

2. OF THE SPEECHES WHICH PRECEDED THAT OF PRESIDENT
EYADEMA, ONLY A PARTICULARLY FULSOME, FAWNING AND
ADULATORY SPEECH OF THE SIERRA LEONEAN MINISTER OF PLAN
WAS WORTH NOTING. THIS SPEECH WAS SO SMARMY THAT EVEN
THE TOGOLESE APPEARED TO BE EMBARRASSED. THE THRUST OF
THE SIERRA LEONEAN'S REMARKS WAS THAT GOD HAD SPARED
AND DIRECTED EYADEMA TO LEAD ECOWAS INTO THE PROMISED
LAND AND WEST AFRICA WAS GENERALLY FORTUNATE THAT THE
FUND WOULD BE IN TOGO, A LAND OF "DIALOGUE AND DISCIPLINE"
WHERE PRESIDENT EYADEMA WOULD BE ABLE TO WATCH OVER IT AND
BRPNG TO THE FUND THE SAME CAREFUL ATTENTION TO DETAIL
THAT HE BRINGS TO GOVERNMENT.

3. EYADEMA'S SPEECH WAS A STRONG EXHORTATION TOWARD
COOPERATION IN BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AREAS. HE
STRESSED THAT TIME HAD BEEN LOST SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN
TERMS OF GETTING ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF DEVELOPMENT,
NATIONAL GROWTH AND NATIONAL UNITY. HE SAID THAT ECOWAS
WAS "CONDEMNED" (CONDAMNE) TO SUCCEED, THAT THERE WAS NO
ALTERNATIVE. HE SPOKE OF THE NEED TO DEVELOP PROJECTS
BOTH NATIONALLY AND REGIONALLY FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD
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OF THE REGION.

4. IN HIS PERORATION, EYADEMA LAUNCHED INTO A VIGOROUS
ATTACK ON EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. HE DECRIED
NATIONS WHO WERE SEEKING TO SPREAD THEIR ZONES OF INFLUENCE
AND WHO WERE ENGAGING IN A COMMERCE IN ARMS. HE SPOKE
OF "IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION."

5. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT EYADEMA CONNECTED
THE IDEA OF BOTH ECOWAS AND ECONOMIC INTERGRATION TO HIS
CONTINUING PREOCCUPATIONHWITH EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN
AFRICA. THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE INTERVENTION HE
HAD IN MIND WAS SOVIET INTERVENTION. THIS IS THE FIRYT
TIME THWT EYADEMA HAS MADE SUCH A BLUNT PUBLIC ATTACK ON
YOVJET ACTIVITIES. IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING THAT
HE MADE IT IN THE PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 16
ECOWAS COUNTRIES AND BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED LEADERSHIP
OF HIS PARTY. PALMER

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